



National Gun Violence Awareness Day and Month

June 7, 2024

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Whereas: according to an analysis of international cause of death data, Americans are 26 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people on average in 28 other high-income countries; and

Whereas: the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) data indicates there are 120 Americans killed by gun violence every day, along with more than 200 who are shot and wounded, and on average there are over 17,673 gun homicides in the US every year; and

Whereas: data from the CDC indicated that in 2022, the leading cause of death of children under 18 in the nation were firearms, with 4,603 children dying in gun-related incidents; and

Whereas: analysis of CDC data shows that Black and Indigenous People and People of Color (BIPOC individuals) are disproportionately impacted by gun violence, with Black children and teens having the highest gun death rate among the nation's population at nearly four times the rate of White people, and Hispanic and Indigenous people dying by gun violence at twice the rate of White people; and

Whereas: CDC data and hospital admission & discharge data show that Minnesota has on average 510 gun deaths and 1,174 non-fatal gun injuries every year, including 132 homicides and 319 injuries due to criminal acts; and

Whereas: Roseville experiences gun violence, including the April 5, 2022, incident on West Lake Owasso Blvd. in which an individual recklessly fired at surrounding homes and cars and eventually shot and wounded Roseville Police Officer Ryan Duxbury; and

Whereas: Roseville and cities across the nation are working to end senseless violence with evidence-based solutions, including integration of social services and mental health support into public safety work, holding a free gun turn-in event for community members to dispose of unwanted guns, and providing gun-locks free of charge

to allow residents to better secure their guns in their homes; and

Whereas: protecting public safety in the community is one of the City's highest responsibilities; and

Whereas: upholding Second Amendment rights can and should go hand-in-hand with promoting safe and responsible gun ownership and use, including limiting gun access for persons with dangerous histories.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the City of Roseville renews its commitment to end gun violence and pledge to do all it can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our community safe; and

Be It Further Resolved that City of Roseville declares the month of June 2024 to be National Gun Violence Awareness Month and June 7, 2024 to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day, and encourages all citizens to support efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Roseville be affixed this 20th day of May, 2024.

Mayor Daniel J. Roe